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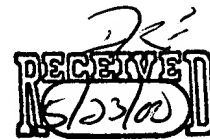#### Washington, D.C. 20036

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Title:	SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR SELECTING A GATEWAY OF A HYBRID COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24 and 30.

The currently pending claims are duplicated below for convenience.

19. A method for selecting a gateway proximal to a network access point that satisfies a predefined call service on a hybrid network, wherein the hybrid network includes a circuit switched network, a packet switched network and a directory service to route a call, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a query including a type of call service to the directory service to obtain a plurality of gateways between the packet switched network and circuit switched network that match the predefined call service criteria;

querying each of the plurality of gateways to determine a network topology to service the call;

ranking the plurality of gateways based on the network topology and the call service criteria;